

## Wisconsin Farm to School

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

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Students from Purdy Elementary School with Chef Tyler Sailsbery and Fannie the cow

### **Farm to School Highlight – Chef in Residence at Purdy Elementary School**

Students at Purdy Elementary School in Jefferson County are having a very exciting April! Chef Tyler Sailsbery from the acclaimed Black Sheep Restaurant in Whitewater is serving as a culinary artist-in-residency for the month of April. Chef Sailsbery will feature a new Wisconsin-grown or raised farm product each day of the residency. Like all the farm

with life skills and emphasizes the local farm and food culture of the area by introducing institutional food preparers to local producers.

## General Updates

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has a new Farm to School [website](#).

The new website is chock full of information about farm to school, including food safety, local food procurement, recipes, menu planning, and so much more!



## Updated Wisconsin Farm to School Toolkit for school nutrition programs online now

The [WI Farm to School Toolkits](#) provides you with all the tools you need to create a successful farm to school program in your community! These toolkits are interactive and contain a wealth of information! The recently updated toolkit includes many brand new tools, including information on wellness policies, school gardens, farm to school evaluation and more! (Hard copies will be available soon – stay tuned for more details.)

## USDA "Curbside consulting" on procurement and bid documents to be at Farm to Cafeteria Conference

Are you attending the Farm to Cafeteria Conference in Austin? Have you always wanted to know if you are writing proper specs for food service? Applying Geographic Preference appropriately? Buying local foods the correct way? **If so, bring a copy of your procurement bid documents and contracts.** The friendly folks on the USDA Farm to School team will take the time to look through your documents and provide feedback at the conference. This is an **awesome** opportunity, be sure to bring your documents and get some great feedback!

## Interested in learning more about after-school gardening programs?

Check out the April edition of the [Wisconsin School Garden Initiative](#) newsletter!

## Webinars, Conferences and Events

### USDA Bi-monthly Webinar Series

Through June 2014, the USDA Farm to School Program will host two webinars per month on various aspects of local procurement. The webinars will be held at 2 p.m. Eastern Time on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month and will include guest speakers from state agencies and school districts. For more information and to register, please visit the [webinar series website](#).

**The Alliance for a Healthier Generation webinar:** [Schools as Nutrition Hubs](#)

**Tuesday, April 29th at 2pm EST**

Many parts of the country are just beginning to see spring weather, and we are already thinking about summer ... summer meals that is. Join the No Kid Hungry Center for Best Practices and the Alliance for a Healthier Generation to learn how you can play a vital role in ensuring that students have access to free, healthy meals all year while leveraging funding to make programs financially sustainable.

### School Garden and Garden-Based Education Training

This spring, in partnership with Community GroundWorks of Madison, Wellspring Education Center and Organic Farm will be hosting free school gardens and garden-based education trainings for teachers as well as interested community members. **Continuing Education Units are available for early childhood educators.** While free, spots are limited. Please RSVP to [wellspringeducation@gmail.com](mailto:wellspringeducation@gmail.com) or by calling (847) 946-5565.

When: Tuesday, May 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Where: Wellspring Education Center and Organic Farm, 4382 Hickory Road, West Bend  
[www.wellspringinc.org](http://www.wellspringinc.org).

### Farm to School Funding Opportunities

**The Pollination Project** is a nonprofit organization that provides many opportunities to individual change-makers who seek a \$1,000 seed grant. The Pollination Project has

change into the community. The Project has received repeated media reports on how the organization is impacting small agricultural practices. New grants are awarded daily, and there is no deadline for when to apply. Please [click here](#) to navigate through the organization's website for detailed information.

**School Grants for Healthy Kids – due May 2, 2014**

Action for Healthy Kids welcomes schools to apply for 2014 -2015 [School Grants for Healthy Kids](#). The grants are funded by partners CSX Transportation, Kellogg Company, Kellogg's Corporate Citizenship Fund and others and will range from \$500 to \$5,000. The funding is designed to help schools create or expand school breakfast programs, pilot universal breakfast programs or enhance their physical activity programs.

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